

**ORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
February 24, 2006**

**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Patricia Craddock, DDS, Chairperson, Nevada Dental Association  
Mark Rosenberg, DDS, MPH  
Tyree Davis, DDS, Clinical Manager, Miles for Smiles  
Marlena Booth, Dental Director, Great Basin Primary Care Association (GBPCA) for Patricia Durbin  
Michelle Kling, RN, Division Director, Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD)  
Mike Johnson, LADC, BS, Saint Mary's Outreach Programs  
Betty Pate, RDH, M.Ed, University and Community College System of Nevada (UCCSN), Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association  
Joseph Patero, Senior Advocate  
Shari Peterson, RDH, M.Ed, State Board of Dental Examiners

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Victor A. Sandoval, MPH, DDS, Professor, University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) School of Dental Medicine  
Carole Mankey, RN, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Clark County Health District (CCHD)  
Diana Scavacini, Marketing Specialist, WB/Azteca

**NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT**

Judy Wright, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)  
Christine Wood, RDH, BS Oral Health Program Manager, BFHS  
Dennis Murphy, Public Health Education (PHE) and Information Officer (IO), BFHS  
Thara Salamone, Biostatistician, BFHS  
Lori Cofano, Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH), Fluoridation Consultant, BFHS  
Laurie Nickles, RDH, Health Educator  
Terri Chandler, RDH, Fluoridation Consultant, BFHS  
Deborah Aquino, Evaluation Consultant, BFHS  
Natasha Gardner, Administrative Assistant 1, BFHS

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Maury Astley, Executive Director, Nevada Dental Association  
Phil Nowak, Chief, Department of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)  
Jeannine Sherrick, Program Officer, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Patricia Craddock called the Oral Health Advisory Committee (OHAC) to order at **9:15 am** at the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) in Carson City and the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), Carson City; Kinkead Building, Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD), Reno; Elko Nursing Office, Elko; LCB, Carson City; Grant Sawyer Building, Las Vegas; and the Nevada State Health Division website at [www.health2k.state.nv.us](http://www.health2k.state.nv.us).

Introductions were made around the table.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2005**

The following corrections were requested; Page 2, second paragraph; should read “UNLV School of Dental Medicine.” Page 4, second paragraph; should read 1Day Program. Page 4, paragraph 2, first sentence, should read “Nevada Dental Hygienists.” Dr. Tyree Davis moved to approve the minutes with the changes noted above. Dr. Mark Rosenberg seconded the motion.

**MOTION APPROVED**

#### **REPORT FROM THE DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY (DHFCP) REGARDING PROVIDER RECRUITMENT AND THE STATUS OF THE MEDICAID DENTAL CLINICAL REVIEW ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE. POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION IN RESPONSE**

Mr. Phil Nowak stated the next meeting for the Clinical Review Advisory Subcommittee (CRAS) would be on March 10, 2006. Dr. Craddock stated a conflict exists with that date and time. Dr. Craddock indicated she and Ms. Wood would work together to find another date. There was discussion about the need to improve communication between Medicaid and CRAS members. Mr. Nowak stated he would relay this information to Ms. Debbie Meyers.

Mr. Nowak stated the procurement of HMO contracts for the delivery of both medical and dental services in Clark and urban Washoe counties is underway. The Request for Proposals (RFP) is out on the Purchasing Division Web site for review and consideration. Mr. Nowak stated the responses by interested health plans are due back by June 1, 2006 with the expectation the selection will be made by late June or the first week in July. The start date for the new contracts is anticipated to be November 1, 2006.

Ms. Wood stated a representative from DHCFP had contacted her regarding the Division looking at developing policies related to the use of restraints in the provision of pediatric dentistry and she suggested the question be taken to the CRAS and have them consider assisting with development and policy in terms of use of restraints. Dr. Craddock stated she had to address this issue when working with special needs patients and she felt it would be appropriate for her and some of the other doctors she works with to sit down and put together some guidelines.

#### **COMITTEE DISCUSSION OF ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM REPORT AND DIRECTION TO PROGRAM**

##### **Goal One. To Maintain Oral Health Program Leadership Capacity**

Dr. Craddock was recognized for receiving an Access Award from the American Dental Association. The award is given to individuals who demonstrate significant leadership and inspiration in gaining access to dental care at the local level. Dr. Craddock asked for a motion to contact Dr. Tim Ricks to see if he is interested in replacing Carol White on the OHAC. Ms. Peterson made the motion and Ms. Betty Pate seconded. **MOTION APPROVED**

##### **Goal Two. To Describe the Oral Health Disease Burden Health Disparities and Unmet Needs in the State**

Ms. Wood announced the 2005 Annual Report was approved by Administration and is in the process of being printed and posted on the web site.

**Goal Three. To Update a Comprehensive Five-Year State Oral Health Plan**

A combination of regional oral health coalition reporting out and continuing education will occur at the 2006 Oral Health Summit. Reno and Las Vegas are both being considered as sites. High Sierra AHEC has been contracted as meeting planner. The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled on March 15, 2006.

**Goal Four. To Sustain a Diverse Statewide Oral Health Coalition to Assist in Formulation of Plans, Guide Projects and Identify Additional Financial Resources**

A coalition workshop will be held on June 2, 2006. It is being funded with CDC carryover funds. It was asked if CDC carry over funding could be used to hire a grant writer to assist the coalitions. Ms. Wood did not believe CDC funding could be used for that purpose. Ms. Wood reported on efforts to strengthen the oral health coalition in Churchill, Lyon, Pershing and Storey Counties and the oral health coalition for Carson City and Douglas County.

**Goal Five. To Enhance the Oral Disease Surveillance System by Continuing To Collect, Analyze and Disseminate Data to Support Program Activity**

Ms. Cofano announced that the Basic Screening Survey (BSS) of children enrolled in third grade has started. Ms. Cofano and Ms. Salamone have been in contact with the Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN) and Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) dental hygiene programs regarding the 2007 BSS of children enrolled in Head Start. Ms. Wood announced the Commission on Mental Health and Development Services has requested oral health data for special needs populations. Strategies to obtain this data are being investigated.

**Goal Six. To Identify Prevention Opportunities For Systematic, Socio-political And/Or Policy Change To Improve Oral Health By Conducting A Periodic Assessment Of Policy And Systems Level Strategies with Potential To Reduce Oral Disease**

Ms. Wood announced Ms. Aquino had finalized the Environmental Assessment Summary Tool. It will be distributed to oral health coalition members and the data collected will be used to identify potential policy changes that could be pursued by the coalitions.

**Goal Seven. To Develop and Coordinate Partnerships to Increase State Level and Community Capacity to Address Specific Oral Disease Prevention Intervention**

Ms. Nickles stated a CD Rom containing the PowerPoint presentations, pre and post tests, and Caries Risk Assessment tool developed by the Community Coalition for Oral Health (CCOH) Head Start committee in cooperation with the Oral Health Program has been mailed out to all Head Start grantee sites. The MCH Coalition is starting to decide on what areas they wish to work. She also stated the Tobacco Coalition is continuing to meet and is considering some legislation for smoke free areas throughout the state.

**Goal Eight. To Coordinate and Implement a Limited Community Water Fluoridation Program**

Ms. Cofano stated she and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Agency will be meeting to go over statute wording and to identify the need for new fluoridation equipment. The fluoridation posters have been printed and they are ready to go out. Ms. Wood stated that per current statute, Washoe County's population will be required to implement water fluoridation when the population of the county reaches 400,000. The current population is approximately 389,000. The oral health coalitions and the OHAC were asked to identify strategies to implement in the event that a Bill Draft Request to raise the population level is introduced during the next legislative session. Ms. Wood also suggested Ms. Michelle Kling inform the new Washoe County Health Officer about the population requirement.

**Goal Nine. To Evaluate, Document And Share State Program Accomplishments, Best Practices, Lessons Learned And Use of Evaluation Results**

Ms. Wood stated she had been asked to present at several national conferences. In addition, she is on the ASTDD's team at the National Public Health Leadership Institute. The team's project is developing a public health leadership institute for dental public health professionals.

**Goal Ten. To Develop, Coordinate and Implement Limited School-Based or School Linked Dental Sealant Programs**

Ms. Wood stated Nevada Health Centers is the new administrator of the Seal Nevada North program. Ms. Peterson stated the Seal Nevada South program will be implemented in several schools in Nye County in the near future. Thara Salamone stated data collection for the school based dental sealant program cost benefit analysis has started.

Ms. Wood stated that the current cooperative agreement with the CDC ends in June 2008. Future funding from CDC for the Nevada Oral Health Program is unsure. CDC does not know if they will receive a new appropriation for cooperative agreements with state oral health programs. Even if they do receive a new appropriation it is unclear if previously funded states would be funded on a preferential basis or if the application process would be open to all states. If CDC funding is lost, the program would only have funding for one FTE. This funding comes from the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) block grant.

**SPECIAL NEEDS FACT SHEET**

Dr. Craddock asked for the approval of the Special Needs Health Fact Sheet. After discussion about what services for adults are and are not covered, Ms. Peterson motioned for approval of the paper with the change that the middle of the second page will read, "What is Nevada doing? Nevada Medicaid only provides limited dental services for adults, even those with special needs." Dr. Davis seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED**

**OHAC BYLAWS**

Dr. Craddock stated that a change to the OHAC Bylaws has been requested by Health Division Administration. Ms. Wright clarified the changes requested are related to format and the addition of a disclosure statement. The disclosure statement is intended to ensure that committee members do not profit from serving on a committee. Dr. Craddock suggested the new bylaws include language related to term of office of officers. Dr. Davis made the motion to approve the new bylaws with the inclusion of Article V.A.d., "Terms of office will be for 2 years, with eligibility for re-election for 1 additional consecutive term." Ms. Peterson seconded. **MOTION APPROVED**

**NEXT MEETING**

Ms. Peterson suggested the members of the committee from Las Vegas come to Reno for the next meeting on June 16, 2006. Ms. Peterson made the motion and it was approved unanimously. **MOTION APPROVED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION**

It was stated Dr. Craddock teaches a course at the University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine (UNLVSDM) about special needs training in regards to dental needs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at **11: 37 am.**